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**CONCLUSIONS OF SPECIAL USIB SUBCOMMITTEE
ON BERLIN SITUATION**

The USIB has taken note of the following conclusions 25X1
reached by its special committee on the Berlin situation for
the period 20 December 1960 through 16 January 1961.

1. We are currently in an interim period during which
the USSR is intent on reaching an assessment of the new US
administration and the possibilities of negotiating with the West
on major issues. Therefore, at least for the next few months
--through April and possibly until midsummer--the USSR is
unlikely to increase tensions over Berlin. However, should
the Soviet leaders at any time during this period estimate that
the West is uninterested in high-level negotiations with the
USSR; they may increase the threat of unilateral action in an
effort to expedite talks.

2. While long-range Soviet policy on the broad problems
of East-West relations was the overriding factor in reaching
a solution of the recent trade impasse between Bonn and Mos-
cow and Bonn and Pankow, the vulnerability of the East Ger-
man economy contributed significantly and gave Bonn impor-
tant leverage in negotiating on the IZT issue. [REDACTED]

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